



By the King.

A Proclamation concerning Royall  
Mynes.



He Kings most Excellent Maiestie, hauing both by the iudgement and opinion of sundry persons of skill, and by diuers trials and good experiments, receiued aduertisement of great probabilities, and assured hopes of finding within his Realmes of England and Ireland, and the Dominion of Wales, many rich Mynes of Siluer and other Mettals hauing in them Siluer and Gold, which by his Maiesties lawes and prerogatiue Royall, do of right belong to his Imperial Crowne, and hauing receiued diuers Ouertures and Propositions, for the discovering and working the same, hath been pleased (as in a matter of speciall importance for the enriching of his Kingdomes) not onely to commend the same to the serious consideration of his priue Counsell, but maturely to consult and aduise thereon himselfe, and in the end, after many and deliberate debatements thereof, hath, with the aduice of his priue Counsell, resolved vpon these ensuing Articles.

First, that Leases for one and twenty yeeres shall be made vnder the great Seale of England for any the sayd Mynes, vnto such as wil vndertake the same, either in his Maiesties owne Lands and soyle, or in the Lands and soyle of any others within either of the sayd Realmes or Dominion, except the Countie of Cardigan.

Secondly, That for encouragement of the said Lessees, they shall hold the same two yeeres from the date of the said Leases free from any rent or payment to his Maiestie.

Thirdly, in case the said Lessees shall discover any such Myne within the limits and bounds conteyned in their Leases, and after opening thereof, the Veine shall bee found to runne into any other grounds adiacent, and being without the limits and bounds contained in the said Leases, the Lessees shall be enabled to follow and worke after the same Veine into all other places (excepting Mynes opened by others in the same ground, into which the Veine runneth, before the discovery made by such Lessees) alwayes allowing vnto such owners and possessors of the ground for the time being into which the



Meine runneth, and is followed, double the value of the dammage they shall susteine any way, the same to be valued by the two next Justices of Peace, & in case that by colour hereof any wrong be maliciously done, then further recompence to be given to the partie grieved vpon his complaint to the Kings Ma-  
iesty, or the Lords of the priue Counsell, as the quality of the cause shall merit. And the said Leases shall  
containe such other ample Priuiledges, Clauses and Couenants as shall be fit, and may best encourage  
the said workes.

Fourthly, to the intent the said Mines shall not lie vnprofitable, as heretofore, his Maiesties pleasure  
is, That the said Undertakers shall so prepare and begin their worke with such conuenient expedition,  
as that from the end of two yeeres after the date of their Leases, they shall allow and pay his Maiesty  
the proportion of Silver and other Mettall hereafter mentioned, and shall effectually proceede therein  
with such competent stocke and number of workemen, as the situation, richnesse, and condition of the  
Mines shall require, and shall yeeld to his Maiestie from the end of the said two yeeres, the tenth part  
of all the Gold, Silver, Copper, and Lead extracted and refined, which shall proceed or come of the sayd  
Mines. And for the more ease and expedition of such as shall sue for any such Leases, the Lord Trea-  
surer and Chancelloz of the Exchequer within the Realme of England, or either of them in the vacancy  
of the other, shall and may, without other suit to his Maiesty, appoint the limits and bounds to be contai-  
ned in each mans Lease, and give order accordingly to his Maiesties Attourney generall. And his Ma-  
iesty in fauour to the owners of the lands, within which the Mines are, is pleased, that they, or such as  
they shall nominate, be preferred to the sayd Leases before all others, so as they attend the sayd Lord  
Treasurer or Chancelloz, and take the same within three moneths after the publishing of this his Roy-  
all Proclamation in the Countie where the sayd lands lie. And in case they doe not attend and take the  
same within that space, then such persons shall bee admitted to take Leases thereof, as shall first make  
suit for the same.

Giuen at the Court at Wansteede, the tenth day of Iuly, in the two and twentieth yeere  
of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France, and Ireland.



God saue the King.

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to the Kings most Excellent Maiestie.

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